



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5159***

LCO No. 742

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROCEDURES  
CONCERNING DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (e) and (f) of section 9-333i of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

4 (e) (1) Any such payment shall be by check drawn by the campaign  
5 treasurer, on the designated depository. Any payment in satisfaction of  
6 any financial obligation incurred by a [party] committee may also be  
7 made by debit card. (2) The campaign treasurer of each committee may  
8 draw a check, not to exceed one hundred dollars, to establish a petty  
9 cash fund and may deposit additional funds to maintain it, but the  
10 fund shall not exceed one hundred dollars at any time. All  
11 expenditures from a petty cash fund shall be reported in the same  
12 manner as any other expenditure.

13 (f) The campaign treasurer shall preserve all internal records of  
14 transactions entered in reports filed pursuant to section 9-333j for four

15 years from the date of the report in which the transactions were  
16 entered. If any checks are issued pursuant to subsection (e) of this  
17 section, the campaign treasurer who issues them shall preserve all  
18 cancelled checks and bank statements for four years from the date on  
19 which they are issued. If debit card payments are made pursuant to  
20 subsection (e) of this section, the campaign treasurer who makes said  
21 payments shall preserve all debit card slips and bank statements for  
22 four years from the date on which the payments are made. In the case  
23 of a candidate committee, the campaign treasurer or the candidate, if  
24 the candidate so requests, shall preserve all internal records, cancelled  
25 checks, debit cards slips and bank statements for four years from the  
26 date of the last report required to be filed under subsection (a) of  
27 section 9-333j.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow political committees and candidate committees to use debit cards.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*